IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, PUDUKKOTTAI

PRESENT : Tmt. S. Hermies, B.A., M.L., D.H.R.,
Principal Sessions Judge, Pudukkottai.
Tuesday the 11th day of August 2026

Criminal Miscellaneous Petition No: 2514/2026
{CNR No.TNPD01-0042352026}

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Manikandaprabhu, S/o.Soundarapandiyan. .....Petitioner/Accused

/Versus/

State of Tamil Nadu represented by the Inspector of Police,
Cyber crime Police Station, Pudukkottai
Cr.No.27/2025. .... Respondent/Complainant

This petition coming on this day before me for hearing in the presence of Thiru.J.Melvin, Learned Advocate appearing for the Petitioner and the Inspector of Police/Station House Officer of the respondent police/Police Nodal Officer Mr.S.Sivasubbu, DSP/DCRB, Pudukkottai is present, on behalf of the Respondent/Complainant and this Court passed the following,

ORDER

This petition is filed by the petitioner u/s 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) - 2023, praying for bail.

Notice was issued. Reply filed by the prosecution.

The Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is being charged for the offences U/s.318(4) of BNS r/w Sec.66 (D) of IT Act in Cr.No.27/2025 of Cybercrime Police Station, Pudukkottai and he had not committed any offences as alleged and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that the earlier bail petitions were dismissed by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Pudukkottai in Crl.M.P.No.1128/2026 and 1166/2026. He further submits that there is no bail application pending before the Hon'ble Madras High Court or any other Court and the petitioner is in judicial custody from 03.07.2026 and he is ready to abide any condition imposed by this Court and hence, he seeks bail for the petitioner.

On the side of prosecution, the Respondent Police/State submits that the accused persons including the petitioner herein on 09.09.2025, sent an advertisement message to the defacto complainant namely Dhinesh on Telegram regarding job details and salary from a Telegram ID namely Aaradhya (Username):@Aamariyaa1). When the defacto complainant inquired about the details on 11.09.2025, they asked for his name details and sent a message stating that he could earn Rs.1,500/- to Rs.3,000/- per day by dong an online promotional job under the "Lodha Project". Thereafter, the defacto complainant accessed the link provided by them (https://WWW.lodhapromotions.com/index), completed the tasks, and submitted them, after which his account wallet showed a balance of Rs.10,000/-. They informed that he could withdraw his amount after completing 60 promotions and was instructed to set a password, upon setting passoword, Rs.500/- was credited to his bank account. Later, they informed him that there were options to choose a 'Normal Project' and a 'Luxury Project' and the defacto complainant agreed to take up the 'Normal Project' and following their instructions, the defacto complainant transferred a total sum of Rs.24,88,558/- to various bank accounts, but the accused demanded another sum of Rs.12,98,370/- from the defacto complainant, thereby the accused persons committed cheating of the defacto complainant. He further submits that the the investigation is still pending and the other accused has to be arrested and hence, he strongly opposed to release the petitioner on bail.

Rival submissions are taken into consideration. Records perused. As per the prosecution case that the accused persons including the petitioner herein on 09.09.2025, sent an advertisement message to the defacto complainant namely Dhinesh on Telegram regarding job details and salary from a Telegram ID namely Aaradhya (Username):@Aamariyaa1). When the defacto complainant inquired about the details on 11.09.2025, they asked for his name details and sent a message stating that he could earn Rs.1,500/- to Rs.3,000/- per day by dong an online promotional job under the "Lodha Project". Thereafter, the defacto complainant accessed the link provided by them (https://WWW.lodhapromotions.com/index), completed the tasks, and submitted them, after which his account wallet showed a balance of

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In the result, this Bail Petition is dismissed.

Pronounced by me in Open Court, this the 11th day of August 2026.

Sd/-S.Hermies
Principal Sessions Judge,
Pudukkottai.

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The Counsel for the petitioner.